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SUBJECT: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION: US CANDIDACY FOR
EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. UNITED STATES WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD OF
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE AT 30TH
WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, GENEVA, MAY 1977. MISSION REQUESTED
TO SUBMIT TO HOST GOVERNMENT FIRST PERSON DIPLOMATIC NOTE
USING FOLLOWING TEXT:

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-- I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS
DECIDED TO PRESENT ITS CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. AS YOU
KNOW, THE ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE 30TH WORLD
HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, IN MAY 1977.

-- MY GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE DEEPLY THE SUPPORT OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF FOR ITS CANDIDACY.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

2. FYI: TRADITIONALLY--DATING FROM THE FOUNDING OF WHO--

US, FRANCE, UK AND USSR SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DURING THREE OF EACH FOUR YEARS. THE US LEFT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN MAY 1976 FOLLOWING A THREE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. IT IS AGAIN ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AT THE 1977 ASSEMBLY AND, IN LINE WITH TRADITIONAL PRACTICE, IS A CANDIDATE.

3. SEATS ON EXECUTIVE BOARD ARE ALLOCATED ON GEOGRAPHIC BASIS, AND US IS SEEKING ONE OF THE THREE SEATS WHICH WILL BE VACATED BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAS REGION. (THE VACATING MEMBERS ARE: ARGENTINA, GUATEMALA, VENEZUELA). AT AN INFORMAL CAUCUS OF HEALTH MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN REGION IN MEXICO CITY LAST FALL, ON THE OCCASION OF A MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THERE WAS TENTATIVE, AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACIES OF CUBA, BOLIVIA AND US FOR WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD. AT THIS TIME WE WISH OFFICIALLY TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ACTION POSTS OF OUR CANDIDACY AND TO SOLICIT THEIR SUPPORT.

4. WHO PRACTICE IS THAT DELEGATES TO WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLIES, TRADITIONALLY MINISTERS OF HEALTH, CAUCUS BY REGION BEFORE THE VOTE. THE ASSEMBLY BY SECRET BALLOT
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ALMOST INVARIABLY RATIFIES THE REGIONAL CAUCUS CHOICES.
END FYI.

5. FOR GENEVA: MISSION REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP USG FORMAL DEMARCHES AT ARA CAPITALS WITH DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO THEIR PERMANENT MISSIONS GENEVA.
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